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Vancouver, Battle Ground and La Center Community Libraries Announce New Branch Managers

Community invited to welcome their new branch manager at upcoming events at each branch

Vancouver, Wash. – Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries is excited to announce new branch managers for three Clark County vacancies. After a national search, Kelly Lamm (Vancouver Community Library), Holland Christie (Battle Ground Community Library) and Jurinda Swingruber (La Center Community Library) were selected to lead their new branches.

Kelly Lamm, the new branch manager at Vancouver Community Library, most recently has served as the Public Services Manager at that branch, a position she has held since last October. Prior to that, she spent 13 years at Lexington Public Library in Kentucky in roles transitioning from Children’s Librarian to Assistant Manager and then Branch Manager. Lamm started her new role on June 1, following the retirement of the former Branch Manager, Jackie Spurlock. The public is invited to a welcome party, supported by Friends of Vancouver Community Library, on July 15, from 1-4 pm as part of Vancouver Community Library’s 7th anniversary at the library, 901 C Street, Vancouver, WA 98660.

Joining the FVRLibraries team as the new branch manager at Battle Ground Community Library is Holland Christie, who started on June 18. Christie comes to the library district from Flagstaff City-Coconino County Public Library in Arizona, where she spent 10 years in managerial positions, most recently at the Deputy Library Director in charge of city services. Friends of the Battle Ground Community Library are hosting a welcome party for her on June 30 from 1-3 pm at the library, 1207 SE 8th Way, Battle Ground, WA 98604. The branch manager
position in Battle Ground became open when the former manager, Kim McNally, moved to Connecticut in March.

Jurinda Swingruber has been a long-time FVRLibraries employee, starting as a library assistant 17 years ago. Most recently she served as a Senior Librarian at Battle Ground Community Library. Swingruber started her new role as branch manager at La Center Community Library on June 16. The position has been vacant since April when branch manager Sue Barrows decided to take another job within the library district. Friends of La Center Community Library will be hosting a welcome party for Swingruber on July 11 from 11 am to 1 pm at the library, 1411 NE Lockwood Creek Road, La Center, WA 98629.

“These three new branch managers are a welcome addition to our FVRLibraries family,” said Amy Lee, Public Services Director for the library district. “We’re very excited about the unique experiences and insights they bring to their new communities.”

In addition to the three recent Clark County branch manager hires, FVRLibraries is currently doing a national search for a manager at Stevenson Community Library, following the retirement of longtime branch manager Tina Smith.

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About Fort Vancouver Regional Library District

Established in 1950, Fort Vancouver Regional Library District (FVRL) provides a vast range of information and cultural services to more than 464,000 Southwest and South Central Washington citizens in Clark, Skamania and Klickitat Counties, and the city of Woodland and Yale Valley Library District in Cowlitz County. FVRL provides a collection of more than 750,000 items, online library services at www.fvrl.org, two bookmobiles, telephone information services, 24/7 online help, outreach programs, and 15 public library locations: Community Libraries in Battle Ground, Cascade Park, Goldendale, La Center, North Bonneville, Ridgefield, Stevenson, Three Creeks, Vancouver, Washougal, White Salmon Valley and Woodland; The Mall Library Connection at Vancouver Mall; and Library Express facilities at Yacolt and Yale.